



Enabling the Digital Thread with the Quality Information Framework (QIF)

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Overview



- What is QIF?
- NIST work on QIF
- QIF and Smart Manufacturing



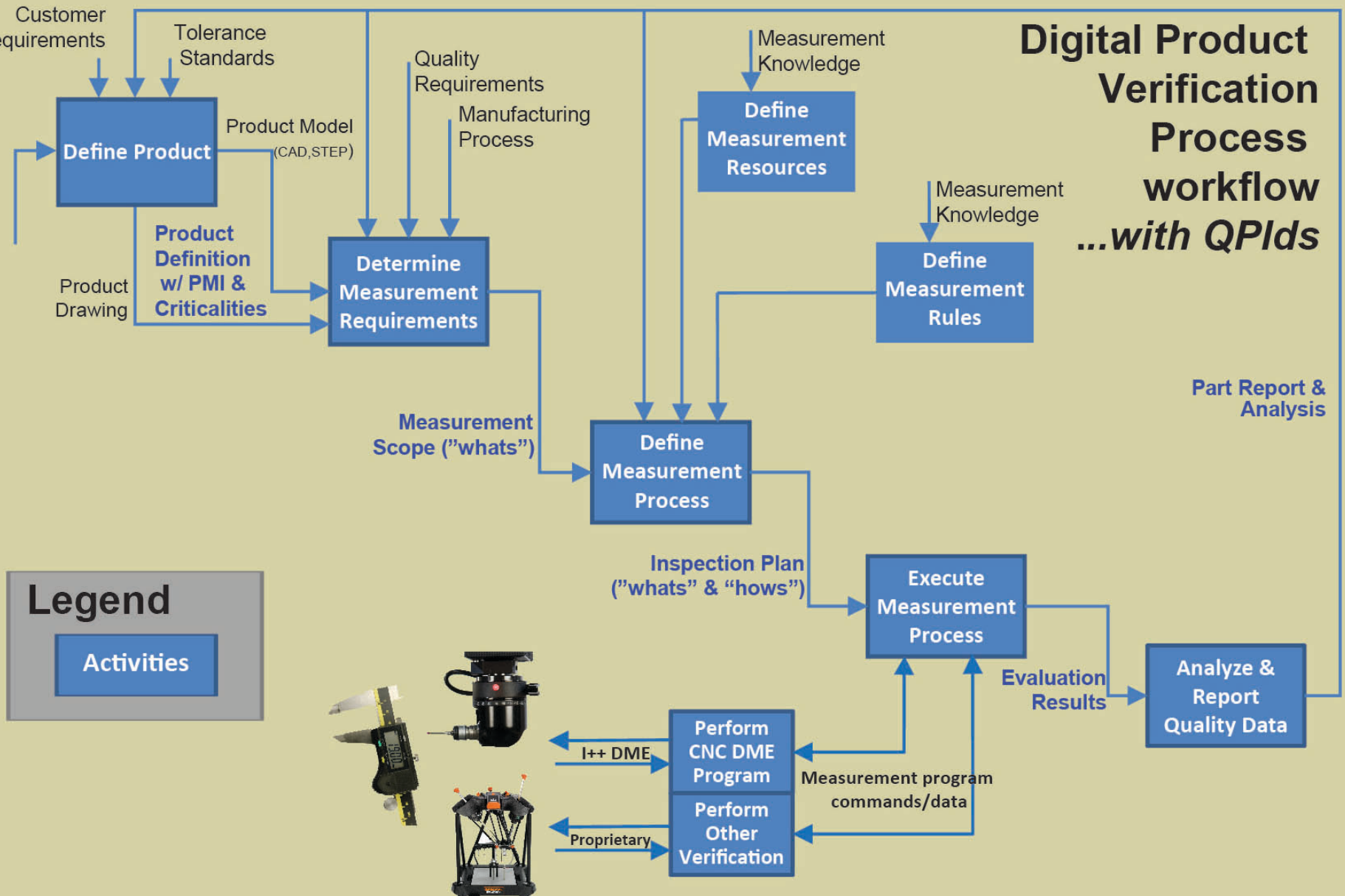
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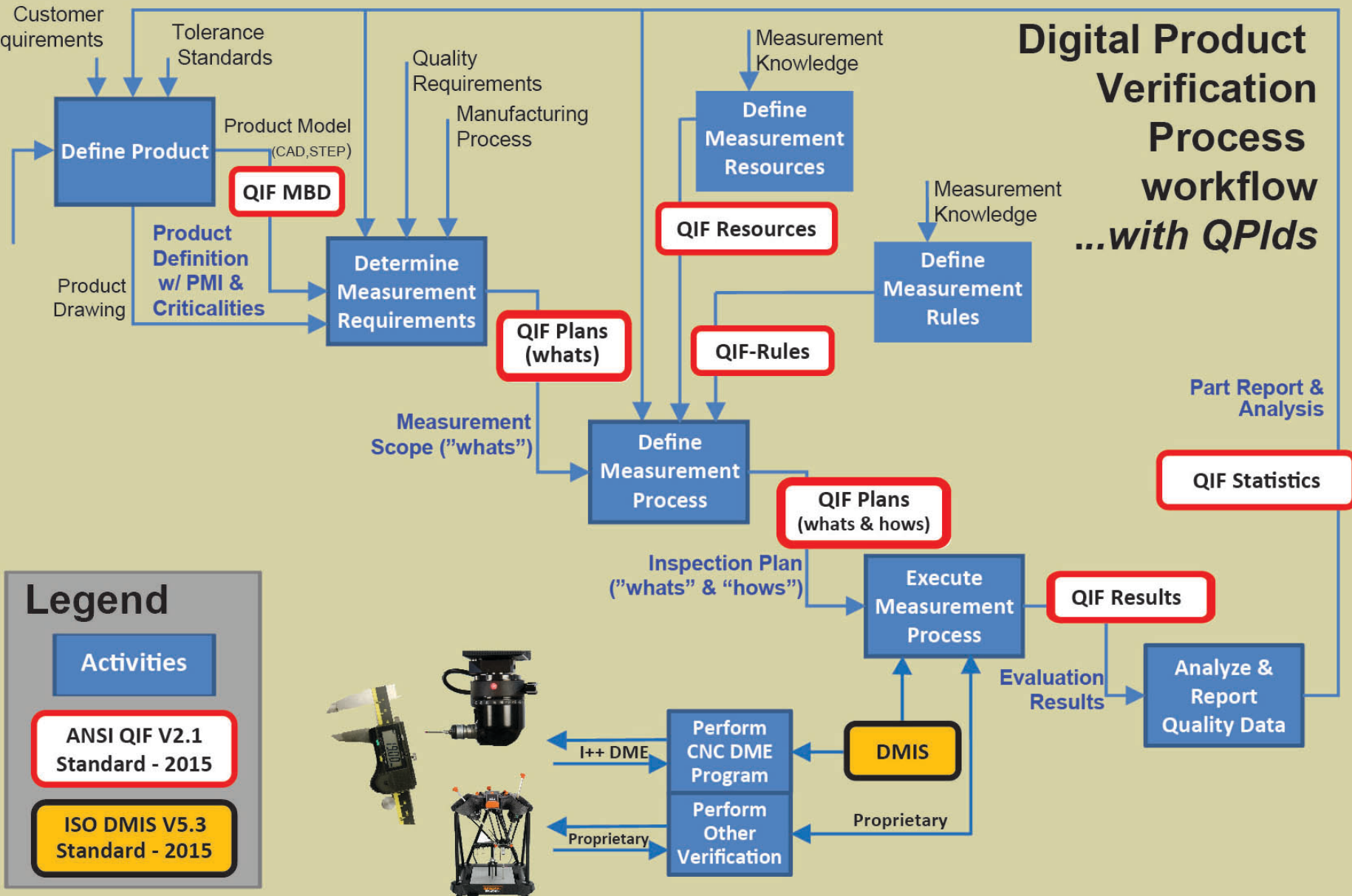
- A digital definition of quality measurement information
- Approved by ANSI, QIF 2.1, in Feb. 2016
- Defines information elements between all key activities in the digital product verification process workflow



Digital Product Verification Process workflow ...with QPIs



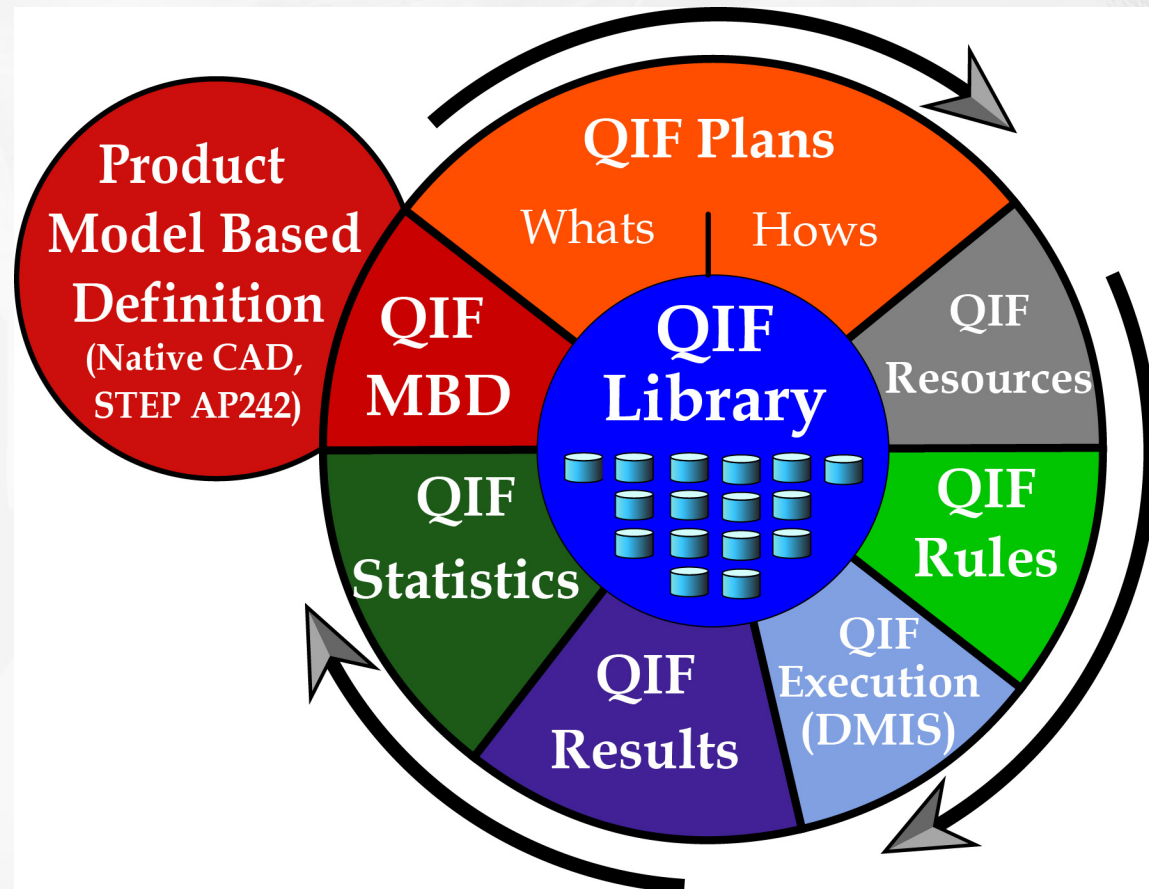
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Structure of the QIF Standard

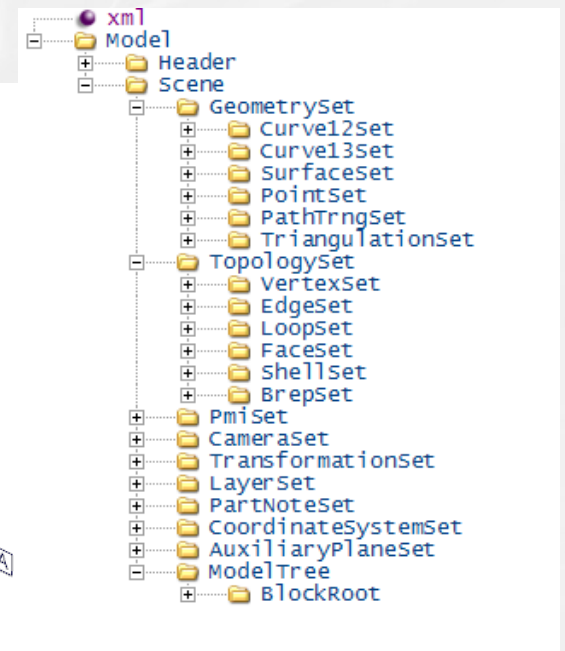
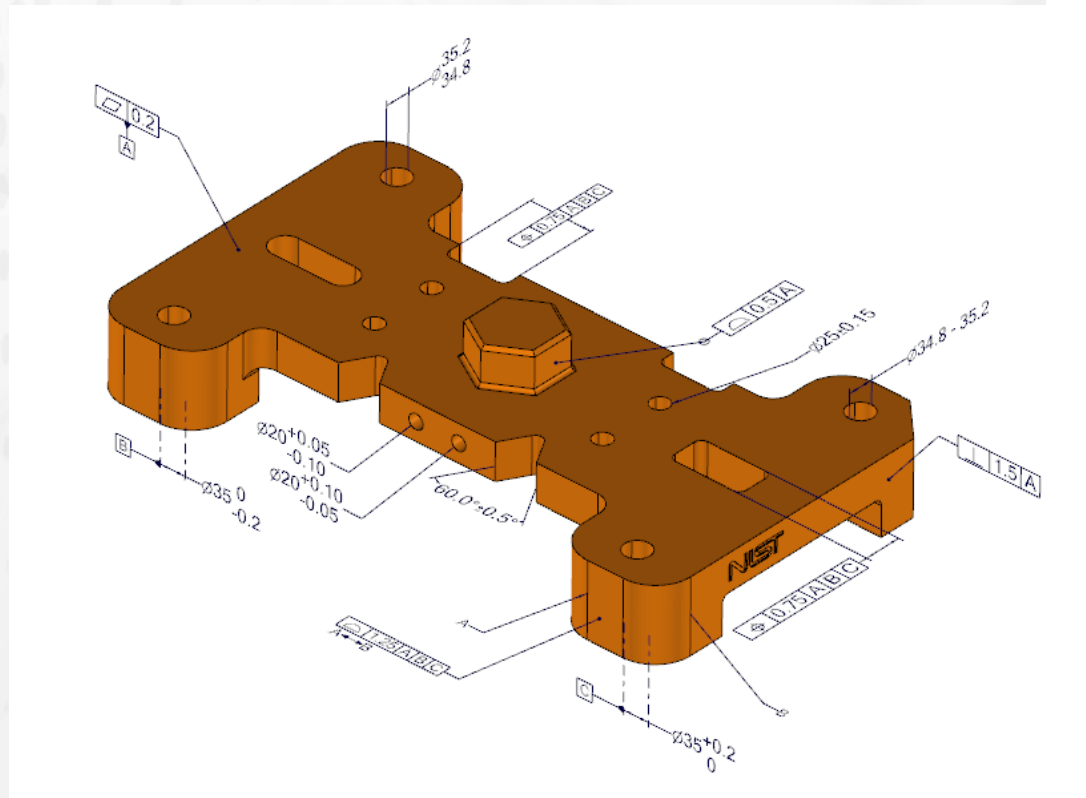
An integrated **framework** of quality information with all common elements in the **QIF Library**

- **QIF Library** - all common elements
- **QIF MBD** – model-based definition
- **QIF Plans** – measurement planning
- **QIF Resources** – definition of measuring equipment
- **QIF Results** – measurement results
- **QIF Rules** – measurement rules
- **QIF Execution (DMIS)** – measurement execution (DMIS)
- **QIF Statistics** – summary measurement statistics



Part 2: QIF MBD

QIF MBD defines CAD geometry with all PMI (GD&T) information semantically linked to the underlying model features, all defined in XML/XSD



Data Traceability and Validation in QIF

- QIF model quality certification
 - Supports digital signatures in QIF instance files for data quality “guarantees”
- QIF validation mechanisms
 - XML schema for syntax checks
 - XSLT for more semantic checks
 - Annotations for manual semantic checking



What has NIST been doing on QIF?

- QIF digital model development and maintenance
 - XML, XSLT, annotations
- QIF validation with documentary GD&T standards
 - QIF supports ASME Y14.5 1994/2009 and the various ISO GD&T standards, particularly elements most used in practice
 - QIF supports with supply chain inspection reporting standards/specifications, SAE AS9102A&B and AIAG PPAP PSW
- QIF validation with digital CAD + GD&T standards and formats (STEP, JT, 3DPDF)



What has NIST been doing on QIF?

- Documentation
 - User's guides for various use cases
 - Natural language annotations in the QIF schema
 - Technical reports
 - Archival papers and presentations
 - Version road-mapping
- DMSC leadership
 - Board membership, working group chairs
- Currently using QIF with STEP-NC and Mitutoyo with real and virtual metrology



What has NIST been doing on QIF?

- QIF implementation verification
 - Public verification demonstrations @ IMTS 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016



QIF enables Smart Manufacturing

- Will enable data observatory, model certifiability, model traceability
- Ready access to certified and traceable elements in QIF enable smart queries and integration/interoperability between digital information elements in the lifecycle, in spite of disparate formats across the lifecycle
- Several QIF capabilities enable the following use cases
 - In-process metrology
 - Measurement simulation
 - Digital measurement rules
 - Digital measurement resources
 - Measurement statistics



Realizing benefits from QIF

- Join the DMSC to progress QIF:
(<http://dmi standards.org/>)
- Manufacturers: Require QIF in your procurements
- Solution Providers: Implement QIF in your software

